



**MAYOR
JERRY SANDERS
Science and Technology Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

The San Diego Science and Technology Commission (SDS&TC) held a meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, hosted by the City Planning and Community Investment Department located at 600B Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Dr. Martha Dennis, SDS&TC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M. Members present: Luis Avila, Dr. Hui Cai, Craig Andrews, Daniel Chang, Dr. Martha Dennis, Dr. Tom Dillon, Charles Holland, Tyler Orion, and Maurice Wilson. Members absent: Jon Cohen, Scott Corlett, Kristopher Lichter, Susan Myrland, Dr. Gail Naughton, Craig Roberts, and Julie Meier Wright. Office of Mayor Sanders representative: Abby Jarl; City Council Office District 4 representatives: Lourdes Barboa, Liezel Mangonon, and Roosevelt Williams III; City Council Office District 8 representative: B. D. Howard; City Planning & Community Investment Department staff members: Scott Kessler, Toni Dillon, and Tina Hines. Public Attendees: Todd Gutschow, Chair of Board of Directors, Classroom of the Future Foundation.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:** September 13, 2006 (MOTION/Orion/Myrland/UNANIMOUS)
- IV. **APPROVAL OF 2007 MEETING CALENDAR:** (MOTION/Dillon/Wilson/UNANIMOUS)
- V. **APPROVAL OF SUBCOMMITTEE NAME CHANGE: FOR THE STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC WiFi WORKING GROUP (PWWG)**
 - A. Suggested for consideration is the Broadband Access Working Group (BAWG): After discussion, a motion was carried to approve the name change of this Standing Subcommittee to the Public Broadband Access Working Group (PBAWG) (MOTION/Wright/Cai/UNANIMOUS).
- VI. **DIGITAL INCLUSION FRAMING THE TOPIC**
 - A. Presenter: Ms. Tyler Orion, Summary of the Regional Technology Alliance Digital Divide Studies: Ms. Orion stated that in 2001, the Regional Technology Alliance (RTA) released a report on the extent of the digital divide in San Diego County. This study is titled "*Mapping a Future for a Digital Connection, a Study of the Digital Divide in San Diego County.*" This Study identified significant gaps in technology access and awareness for select ethnic and income groups.

In addition, Ms. Orion stated the Waitt Foundation and Science and Technology Commission requested that the RTA to conduct two distinct studies in 2004. The Waitt Foundation's study that is titled "*San Diego's Digital Divide Revisited*" reexamined the groups studied in 2001 to measure progress relative to closure of the digital divide. The study requested by this Commission is titled "*An Examination of the Impact of San Diego's Digital Divide on Regional Economic Prosperity*" focused on how the digital divide impacts the City's ability to ensure prosperity for its citizens.
 - B. The Science and Technology Commission Efforts--Presenter: Dr. Martha Dennis, Digital Inclusion Working Group (DIWG) and the PWWG: To introduce her topic Dr. Dennis provided information about this Commission's mission which is to function as an advisory board to the Mayor and the City

Council representing the science and technology community. Because of the impacts of the “digital divide” on a community, this Commission formed two subcommittees to examine digital inclusion in San Diego; specifically, the DIWG and the PBAWG which was formerly called PWWG.

The DWIG convened its first meeting on October 14, 2002. Representatives from the following organizations attended: 1) the S&T Commission; 2) the City Economic Development Division; 3) the City Libraries; 4) the Regional Technology Alliance; 5) the Waitt Family Foundation; 6) the Classroom of the Future Foundation; 7) the Urban League; 8) the Community Technology Centers; 9) the South County EDC; 10) the San Diego Regional EDC. The purpose of bringing these organizations together was to become aware of digital inclusion efforts already in progress and to leverage resources.

The PBAWG held its first meeting on June 6, 2006. This Subcommittee was created to discuss public access to broadband technology for those who live, work and visit within the city of San Diego boundaries. This Subcommittee has examined best practices of other municipalities that have provided broadband access that has benefited the underserved low income community, the business community, students and tourists.

VII. LOCAL INITIATIVES IN TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION

- A. Presenter: Mr. Todd Gutschow, the Class Room of the Future Foundation: Mr. Gutschow stated that the Classroom of the Future Foundation (CFF) was formed in 1996 to support the San Diego County Office of Education. The mission of this organization is to advance public education in San Diego County through the implementation of technology model programs in schools. The CFF has formed partnerships with school districts and private sector companies. The CFF is involved with the following programs: 1) Lemon Grove School/Lemon-Link; 2) One to One School; 3) Cajon Valley-EET; 4) San Diego County Office of Education Teacher Innovation Space and Data Intensive Science Program; 5) Santee Elementary School District/QZAB technology plan; 6) Universal Locker/Studywiz.
- C. Presenter: Mr. Maurice Wilson, Black Family Technology Awareness Week: Mr. Maurice Wilson stated that this annual event is held nationally. This year the event will be held February 11th through the 17th. This week long event focuses on the importance of technology in everyday life, as well as the opportunities technology provides. The activities engaged in during the week will unite families, churches, civic organizations, and individuals. Locally, the San Diego African American Digital Connection and the San Diego Urban League are involved with the coordination of San Diego’s event.

VIII. AGENDA TOPICS FOR 2007: Suggestions for Agenda topics included: 1) examining how science and technology industries and innovation can help mitigate the trends of slowed economic growth; 2) consideration of reconvening the Science and Technology for Economic Prosperity (S.T.E.P) Forum of 2004 to update the Sander’s administration and participants; 3) an update from the City’s Chief Information Officer; 4) a presentation from Project Lead the Way; 5) a presentation detailing the Federal Office of Competitiveness efforts; 6) a presentation of the benchmark study of regional innovation to be completed by Connect; 7) a discussion of how this Commission and the City’s Land Use and Economic Development Economic Development Business Center could assist with the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Partnership for the Global Economy.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business of the Commission, this meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

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